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SUBJECT: PROBABILITY THAT LABOR PARTY WILL APPROVE ESTABLISHMENT
OF PRG INFORMATION OFFICE

1. FOREIGN AFFAIRS PERMANENT SECRETARY ALAN RENOUF TELEPHONED THIS AFTERNOON TO WARN OF GROWING LIKELIHOOD THAT TERRIGAL LABOR PARTY CONFERENCE WILL THIS EVENING APPROVE COMPROMISE RESOLUTION FAVORING ESTABLISHMENT PRG INFORMATION OFFICE IN SYDNEY.

2. RENOUF WAS DISCOURAGED AND SAID DFA HAD STRONGLY OPPOSED SUCH ACTION (IN FACT EMBOFF IN CALL AT DFA, EARLIER TODAY OVERHEARD HEATED TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ON SUBJECT BETWEEN DFA OFFICER AND SOMEONE AT TERRIGAL). RENOUF SAID, "WE CAN'T CONTROL OUR MASTERS." HE BELIEVES THAT BOTH WHITLAM AND CAIRNS CURRENTLY FEEL NEED TO APPEASE LEFT WING AND REMARKED IN TYPICALLY OUTSPOKEN WAY THAT WILLESEE WAS "NOT A STRONG HORSE".

3. RENOUF ADDED THAT ON OCCASION WHITLAM HAS TAKEN LINE THAT ANY AMENDMENT TO PARTY PLATFORM IS NOT BINDING ON GOVERNMENT UNTIL NEXT ELECTION. SHOULD COMPROMISE RESOLUTION PASS AT TERRIGAL, DFA WILL URGE POSTPONEMENT OF ANY ACTION ON THESE GROUNDS.

4. ON POSITIVE SIDE, RENOUF SAID IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION THAT HE UNDERSTOOD US DEFENSE FACILITIES HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED AND
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MIGHT NOT BE.

5. COMMENT: RENOUF SAID HE WAS CALLING "AS A FRIEND OF US".
HE IS CLEARLY WORRIED THAT IN VIEW OF AMBASSADOR GREEN'S RECENT
DEMARCHES REGARDING PRG TO WILLESEE AND WHITLAM, AND ON HEELS OF
GOA VOTES AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE, US MAY BE SEVERELY OFFENDED.

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